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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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SUBJECT:FMS CREDIT FOR PANAMA

REF: PANAMA 2894

1. WHILE DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN PRINCIPLE TO ADDING PANAMA TO LIST OF COUNTRIES TO BE AUTHORIZED FMS CREDIT BEGINNING IN FY 1977, AND TO PROVIDING SUCH CREDIT WITHIN AVAILABLE FUNDS, WE DO NOT PLAN AT THIS TIME TO REQUEST FUNDS FOR FY 1977. OUR REQUEST FOR FY 1976, WHICH INCLUDED ESTIMATES FOR FY 1977, HAS ALREADY GONE TO OMB. THIS REQUEST INCLUDED NO FMS CREDIT LEVEL FOR PANAMA IN EITHER YEAR, BASED UPON DECISIONS MADE IN MARCH 1975 AFFECTING PLANNED FMS CREDIT LEVELS WORLDWIDE.

2. IF FMS CREDIT IS REQUIRED IN THE CONTEXT OF CANAL NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CREDIT PROGRAM FOR PANAMA IN FY 1977. SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY URGENTLY CABLE CREDIT REQUIREMENT AS A MODIFICATION OF THIS YEAR'S CASP WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED
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BY NSC-IG/ARA ON JUNE 12. ALSO, WE WILL REVIEW EMBASSY'S

PROPOSAL IN FY 1976, DURING THE NORMAL COURSE OF INTERAGENCY
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